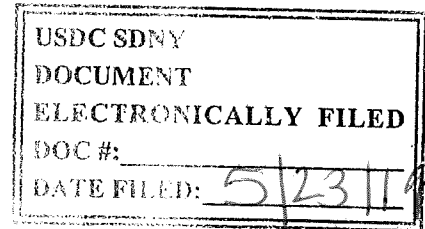


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



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LUIS CONTRERAS,
Plaintiff,

v.

GM6 RESIDENTIAL SERVICES, LLC; MM
RESIDENTIAL SERVICES LLC; and
GIOVANNA POCCIA,
Defendants.
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ORDER

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On May 22, 2019, the parties in this Fair Labor Standards Act case filed a settlement agreement (Doc. #23-1). The parties have filed a joint statement explaining the basis for the agreement (Doc. #21), as required by Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House, Inc., 796 F.3d 199 (2d Cir. 2015).

The Court has considered the following factors: (i) the parties' positions as to the proper valuation of plaintiff's claims; (ii) the risks and costs of continuing to litigate; (iii) that plaintiff is represented by counsel; (iv) the parties' participation in the Court's mediation program; (v) that plaintiff is receiving a significant portion of the estimated unpaid wages claimed to be owed; (vi) that in addition, plaintiff is receiving releases from two housing court judgments worth approximately \$23,000 in total; and (vii) that the agreement does not contain a confidentiality clause.

Based on the foregoing, the Court finds that the settlement agreement is fair and reasonable, and the product of arm's-length negotiation, not fraud or collusion.

Additionally, the Court finds the attorneys' fees, which are one-third of the recovered amount, to be fair and reasonable under the circumstances.

CONCLUSION

The parties' settlement agreement (Doc. #23-1) is APPROVED, and the case is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. All scheduled court appearances are cancelled. Any pending motions are moot.

The Clerk is instructed to close this case.

Dated: May 23, 2019
White Plains, NY

SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent L. Briccetti', written over a horizontal line.

Vincent L. Briccetti
United States District Judge